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unless a predetermined relationship exists between test digital signatures and the authorized digital signatures.

1 4. The system of Claim 1, wherein the music is stored in a data stream
2 on a disk, and the authorized digital signature is associated with the music by storing
3 the authorized digital signature on the disk, apart from the stream.

1 5. The system of Claim 1, wherein the music is stored in a data stream
2 on a disk, and the authorized digital signature is associated with the music by storing
3 the authorized digital signature on the disk as part of the stream.

6. The system of Claim 1, wherein the authorized digital signature is tagged with a signature date, and the consumer module processes the music using a current key or an expired key having a key date equal to or later than the signature date.

7. A computer program storage device including a program of instructions determining whether a request to compress and record digitized music should be denied, the program of instructions including:

computer readable code means for processing at least one segment of the music to obtain a test digital signature;

6 computer readable code means for receiving an authorized digital
7 signature associated with the music; and

8 computer readable code means for permitting compression and
9 recording of the music only if at least the test digital signature matches the
10 authorized digital signature.

1 8. The device of Claim 7, further comprising:

2 computer readable code means for determining test digital signatures
3 for respective plural segments of the music; and

4 computer readable code means for preventing at least one of:
5 compression of the music, and recording of the music, unless a predetermined
6 number or percentage of matches exist between test digital signatures and
7 authorized digital signatures.

8 9. A computer program storage device including a program of instructions
9 for associating digitized music with at least ~~a digital signature derived from at least a~~
10 segment of the music, the program of instructions including structure comprising:

11 computer readable code means for deriving an authorized digital
12 signature from at least the segment of the music;

13 computer readable code means for storing the music on a recording
14 medium; and

8 computer readable code means for storing the authorized digital
9 signature on the recording medium along with the music.

1 10. The device of Claim 9, further comprising:
2 computer readable code means for deriving authorized digital signatures
3 for respective plural segments of the music; and
4 computer readable code means for associating the authorized digital
5 signatures with the music.

1 11. The device of Claim 10, further comprising:
2 computer readable code means for storing the music on a location of
3 the recording medium apart from the stream.

1 12. The device of Claim 10, further comprising:
2 computer readable code means for storing the music on a location of
3 the recording medium as part of the stream.

1 13. A method for facilitating the compression and storage, on a personal
2 music player, of digitized music received on a disk in an authorized transaction,
3 comprising the acts of:
4 recording the music on the disk along with at least one authorized
5 digital signature derived from the music;

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6 receiving the disk;
7 engaging the disk with a personal music player compression device;
8 deriving at least one test digital signature from the music; and
9 compressing the music and recording the music on the personal music
10 player only if the test digital signature matches the authorized digital signature.

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1 14. The method of Claim 13, further comprising the acts of:
2 deriving plural authorized digital signatures from respective segments
3 of the music; and

4 recording the plural authorized digital signatures on the disk.

5 15. The method of Claim 14, further comprising the acts of:
6 deriving plural test digital signatures from plural segments of the music;
and

7 undertaking the compressing and recording act only if a predetermined
number or percentage of matches exist between test digital signatures and
authorized digital signatures.

1 16. The method of Claim 13, wherein the authorized digital signature is
2 stored on the disk, apart from the music.

1 17. The method of Claim 13, wherein the authorized digital signature is
2 stored on the disk in the music.

1 18. The method of Claim 13, wherein the authorized digital signature is
2 tagged with a signature date, and the deriving act includes processing the music using
3 a current key or an expired key having a key date equal to or later than the signature
4 date.

1 19. The system of Claim 4, further comprising a robust watermark on the
2 disk.

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A. The method of Claim 13, further comprising recording a robust
watermark on the disk.